

January — February

2016



Happy New Year!

All the best in 2016!

Toys for Tots

Thanks to everyone who attended the Williamsville Community Foundation's Quarter Auction which benefitted the "Toys for Tots." They raised over \$507 for the program.

Between the drop box at the Village Office and the Quarter Auction, over 200 toys were donated this Christmas season. Thank you!!

Electronics Recycling

The Village of Williamsville is no longer participating in the electronics recycling program through BLH in Springfield. BLH still accepts electronics, but customers must pay for recycling of some items and they don't accept everything. If you're interested in using the company for your personal recycling, please contact them directly at 217-585-1580 or visit their website at blhcomputers.com.

Burning Reminder

Burning in the Village will not resume until March 1, 2016. Burning is allowed when wind speeds are 14 m.p.h. or less on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until sunset. Please burn on your property alongside the street or alleyway and be courteous to your neighbors. Thanks!

Village workers will be picking up bags, as time permits, throughout the year. Free lawn bags (2 packages per residence) are available at the Village Hall, as supplies last.

Please Help the Post Office!

During the winter months, it's particularly important that your mailbox be accessible for mail delivery. Please do not park in front of mailboxes, especially when there's snow and ice!

Village Office and Library will be closed on:
New Year's Day — Friday, January 1, 2016
Martin Luther King Jr. Day — Monday, January 18, 2016
Lincoln's Birthday — Friday, February 12, 2016
Presidents' Day — Monday, February 15, 2016



Subscribe to the Village Email

In an effort to improve community-wide communications in a more timely and cost-effective manner, the Village of Williamsville is developing an email subscriber list. Our goal is to increase community awareness about the family and fellowship opportunities that make Williamsville a uniquely special place to live.

The subscriber list will not replace the Village of Williamsville emergency notification system that is currently in place. As the list grows, we will explore additional ways to provide continuing value to the residents of our great Village.

Opt in to the Williamsville email subscriber list at williamsville.illinois.gov!

Sewer Lift Stations

The Village of Williamsville Public Works staff need your help. We are having problems with the lift station that services Pine Lake Estates subdivision. Feminine hygiene products are causing damage to the pump. Please do not flush these products! It will greatly assist us in keeping the pump in good condition.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you!

Please join us!

The Williamsville Community Foundation is only as good as its members! Please consider joining us to make our community the best it can be! We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Village Hall. The Community Foundation has the full support of the Board of Trustees and Village President of the Village of Williamsville.

Emergency Alert System

The Village is converting to a new emergency alert system in the near future. Please check our website for details as they become available. More information to come in future newsletters...

Please remember that the cardboard recycling bin behind the Police Station is for corrugated cardboard only!

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New Library and Museum Construction Progress...

Construction Update

In July, construction started with a ceremonious Groundbreaking and now as a new year begins the facility is half-way completed. It has been amazing to watch the process and dream about the future. Many decisions have been made and so many volunteers have given us their time and talent to assist with each one. The Interior Design Committee has been invaluable. Their thoughtfulness is amazing from choosing the outside brick as a tribute to the Christian Church which stood on the site for 100 years to picking fun furniture for the children's area. These pictures depict the current state of the outside of the building and the inside children's area.



Clockwise from left: Staff entrance, children's area and front entrance (staff entrance on right of picture).

Museum Update

Just a quick update on the Boxcar Museum. A huge thank you for your patience while we catalog the local history collection and remain closed to the public. Inventory of 3D items is almost completed and donors will be contacted soon about providing additional information on the items. We still need to inventory photographs, books, posters, and maps. The collection is vast and intriguing. Policies for the collection are being established by the Collection Committee and will be approved by the board. New displays are being planned for the future that will highlight Route 66, our connection with Lincoln, our local veterans, the historical homes and so much more. Items not on display will need to be cleaned and stored until it is their turn to be showcased. Again thank you for your patience and for all the volunteers assisting with this project.

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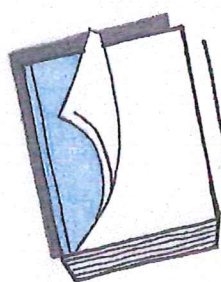
New Technology for Christmas

Remember if you were fortunate to receive a new computer, phone, tablet, or I-pad for Christmas, you can listen or read on those devices for free. The library provides two on-line databases which allow you to download e-books or audios to your device. If your device can download apps and you have a valid library card, you are set! The first database is part of our library system, just download the 3M app, choose the "Illinois Heartland Library System" enter your library card number and pin number and enjoy. If there are not enough choices for you in the 3M system, then download the Overdrive app. This database we sometimes call "Library on the Go." With this system choose "Williamsville Public Library" enter your library card and select the title you want to read or listen to. A whole new way to enjoy your favorite authors is at your fingertips. If you have any problems just call us at (217) 566-3520 or email at billtownlib@yahoo.com and we will be glad to help.



Library Website

Don't forget to check the WPLM website portion of the Village website. The latest construction updates are included, as well as searching the library catalog. New pages are being added including: the Friends of the Williamsville Public Library and Museum; online databases that explain "NewsBank" which allows the State Journal-Register newspaper to be searched; and the genealogy website Ancestry.com. These databases can be accessed from home with your library card or can be accessed at the library if you don't have a library card. Also included is information about the library/museum board and their monthly meetings. So check the website often to see new information and new services being offered at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum.



Williamsville
PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM



New Year, New Logo

The Williamsville Public Library and Museum held a logo contest in 2015. The winner is Isaac Booker. Isaac is a Williamsville Middle School student who blended the historical museum and the public library goals into one symbol. We are so happy with our new logo and can't wait to use it in the new facility. Isaac received \$150 and will be recognized in the new facility. WPLM would like to thank all of the students who participated in the contest. All entries are currently on display at the library. So, come on in and see how much talent is in our community.

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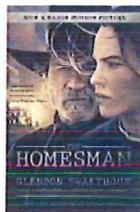
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Library Board

The library board will meet the second Tuesday of the month at the library at 6:30 p.m. for the 2016 calendar year. 2016 Meeting Dates are January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13. Library board meetings are always open to the public and your comments are appreciated. There are seven library trustees that are elected by the community and they serve a six-year term. The trustees serving in 2016 are Nancy Richardson, President; Lisa Nerone, Vice-President; Sue Ripka, Treasurer; Stacey Henderson, Secretary; Natalie Albers, Kim Knox and Gary Stroisch.

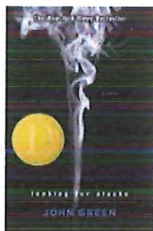


Homesman by Glendon Swarthout

Join us on Thursday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the library to discuss the *Homesman* by Glendon Swarthout. This novel is a devastating story of early pioneers in 1850s American West. It celebrates the ones we hear nothing of: the brave women whose hearts and minds were broken by a life of bitter hardship. A "homesman" must be found to escort a handful of them back East to a sanitarium. When none of the county's men steps up, the job falls to Mary Bee Cuddy—ex-teacher, spinster, indomitable and resourceful. Brave as she is, Mary Bee knows she cannot succeed alone. The only companion she can find is the low-life claim jumper George Briggs. Thus begins a trek east, against the tide of colonization, against hardship, Indian attacks, ice storms, and loneliness—a timeless classic told in a series of tough, fast-paced adventures.

Looking for Alaska by John Green

Join us on Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the library to discuss the young adult novel, *Looking for Alaska*, by John Green. Miles has a quirky interest in famous people's last words, especially François Rabelais's final statement, "I go to seek a Great Perhaps." Determined not to wait for death to begin a similar quest, Miles convinces his parents to let him leave home. Once settled at Culver Creek Preparatory School, he befriends a couple of equally gifted outcasts: his roommate Chip -- commonly known as the Colonel -- who has a predilection for memorizing long, alphabetical lists for fun; and the beautiful and unpredictable Alaska, whom Miles comes to adore. The kids grow closer as they make their way through a school year filled with contraband, tests, pranks, breakups, and revelations about family and life. But as the story hurtles toward its shattering climax, chapter headings like "forty-six days before" and "the last day" portend a tragic event -- one that will change Miles forever and lead him to new conclusions about the value of his cherished "Great Perhaps."



WILLIAMSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

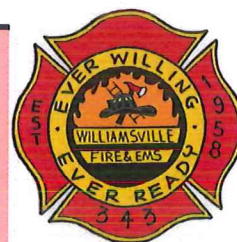
Chief: Scott Gaddy

Assistant Chief: Jeff Menke

The WVFD is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, call us at 566-3311 or visit us at one of our meetings.

Chief Mendenhall Note:

I would like to thank the people of Williamsville for being able to serve them as a firefighter and as a Chief. Congratulations to Scott Gaddy being selected as the new Chief.



Volunteer Recruiting

The Fire Department is interested in recruiting people available during the day who would like to join the Department but who work nights or are otherwise unavailable during our regular Thursday meetings. Training, uniforms, protective gear and the opportunity to help your neighbors will be provided to new members. If you would like more information please call 566-3311.

Dehumidifier Recall due to Serious

Fire and Burn Hazards

The Gree Electric Appliance Company recalled 13 brands of dehumidifiers sold between January, 2005 and August 2013. The dehumidifiers can overheat, smoke and catch fire posing fire and burn hazards to consumers. Brands include Danby, De'Longhi, Fedders, Fellini, Frigidaire, GE, Gree, Kenmore, Norpole, Premier, Seabreeze, SoleusAir and SuperClima. If you own one of these you should turn off and unplug your dehumidifier. Further information is available at: <http://greedehumidifierrecall.com/ProductEntry.aspx>

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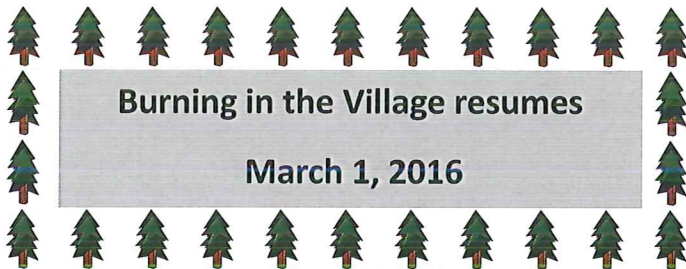
Williamsville Community Calendar

January

- January 1 New Year's Day Holiday — Village Office and Library Closed
- January 4 Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 5 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- January 5 Senior Potluck at WUMC — 12 noon
- January 7 Woodcarvers in Community Center 7:00—9:00 p.m.
- January 9 Junior High Dance in Community Center 6:30 p.m.
- January 10 4H Meeting in Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
- January 11 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 12 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- January 12 Stitching Together at 12:30 p.m. at the Library
- January 12 Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 14 Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m.
- January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday — Village Office and Library Closed
- January 19 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- January 19 Garden Club New Year Celebration, 6:00 p.m. At Bella Trattoria
- January 21 Stitching Together at 12:30 p.m. at the Library
- January 25 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 28 Book Club 7:00 p.m. at the Library

February

- February 1 Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 2 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- February 2 Senior Potluck Noon at WUMC
- February 3 Woodcarvers in Community Center 7:00—9:00 p.m.
- February 6 Garden Club Meeting - 9:00 a.m. at Village Hall
- February 8 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 9 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- February 9 Stitching Together 12:30 p.m. at the Library
- February 9 Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 11 Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m.
- February 12 Lincoln's Birthday — Village Office and Library Closed
- February 13 Junior High Dance in Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
- February 14 4H Meeting in Community Center
- February 15 President's Day — Village Office and Library Closed
- February 16 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- February 22 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 23 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- February 25 Stitching Together 12:30 p.m. at the Library
- February 25 Book Club 7:00 p.m. at the Library



Burning in the Village resumes

March 1, 2016

Disc Golf was the overwhelming winner of the Park Survey that was published in the last newsletter. Thank you for participating in the survey!

Save the Date!

Saturday, March 19

Easter Egg Hunt

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website.

Approved Minutes and Agendas

may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at
williamsville.illinois.gov

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Office Hours

7:30-11:30 am

12:30 -3:30 pm

Monday-Friday

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Library
2175663520

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